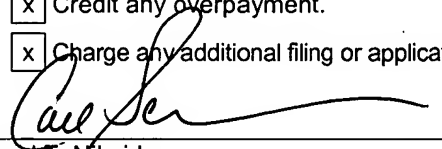


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. NOG-0018	
Application No. 10/699,821-Conf. #4453		Filing Date November 4, 2003		Examiner Z. R. Hashmi	
				Art Unit 2881	
Applicant(s): Masaru Furuta					
Invention: LASER DESORPTION IONIZATION MASS SPECTROMETRIC METHOD AND SAMPLE PLATE USED IN SUCH A METHOD					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	14	- 20 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =		x	0.00
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					<b>0.00</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ 0.00 . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 18-0013 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 10 is amended.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)